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SGK Fundraiser Developments



According to our Personnel Director, Susan Mitchell, "2003 has been the most exciting and rewarding year since we began raising funds for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research Foundation. To recap past years, in 1998, we sold pink ribbons for \$5 and you got to wear jeans to work. We raised \$200. In 1999, we added a yard and bake sale and raised \$612. In 2000, we came up with the idea to have a Shoot for the Cure basketball hoop shoot contest and parking lot event with food booth and live entertainment. We raised \$4,000. In 2001, we added a golf tournament and a Payson parking lot event and raised \$8,076. The 2002 Shoot for the Cure was dedicated in celebration of Theresa Ortega, who lost her battle with breast cancer on October 11th. We raised a total of \$11,000.

Our fund-raising efforts this year started in February with the sale of Blossom Bunnies. We raised \$700. In March we started the collection of used ink jet and laser cartridges. To date, we have raised \$616 and continue to collect the cartridges. In April we sold raffle tickets for an Easter Basket and raised \$258. The July 4th raffle basket brought in \$395. Upon the completion of the Garden of Remembrance, we held a cook-out and raised \$291. Sales of leaves for the Tree of Life have brought in \$1,024 thus far.

An added event for 2003 was a softball tournament, which brought in a total of \$2,050. The Globe Shoot for the Cure was a huge success. We raised \$1,302 from raffle ticket sales and bake sales. The proceeds from the day of the event were \$4,236. The following week-end, we had our first bowling tournament and brought in \$603.

The Payson Shoot for the Cure was nearly doubled from last year, with \$1,044 taken in on raffle ticket sales and bake sales. The proceeds from the day of the event were \$3,610.

The final event of 2003 was the golf tournament, which brought in \$1,648. There are still a few outstanding expenses to be paid, as well as checks not received. We estimate a grand total for 2003 to be \$17,500.

Thanks to the employees of Gila County who so generously gave of their time and efforts to make 2003 a huge success. We look forward to bigger and better events in 2004 as we continue to Shoot for the Cure."

And most especially, thank you to those Public Works employees who gave of their time, money, and effort to help make this event a success.

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Administration

Public Works Administration Department would like to welcome **Diana Jones** to our team. Diana has taken the position of Grant

Writer for Gila County Public Works, but will also be assisting other county departments with grant applications. She says she really enjoys writing grants; though at times they can really stress her out with their deadlines and demands. She has been with the County three years beginning with the County Attorney's Office coordinating the Victim Witness Program. She is a native Arizonan and was raised in Globe. And for those of you who don't know, her family owns the Hollis theaters in town as most people think her brother is an only child. During the summer on weekends she works at the



Drive-in. She and her husband Craig, who happens to be a Sheriff's Deputy, live out in the Country and have 4 horses of their own and board one for a friend. The thing she enjoys most about being around her horses is that they are all like children and each one has their own personality. Diana and Craig also have one dog who is known as Kujo, or an alligator with fur, who protects Diana when she is home alone. In other news, Tony Lopez, Public Works Project Manager, was presented with an Award at the November 18th Board of Supervisors meeting in recognition of his insight and participation on the Central Heights Project. Mr. Stratton wrote a letter to the Board commending Tony for his hard work and cooperation during the project.

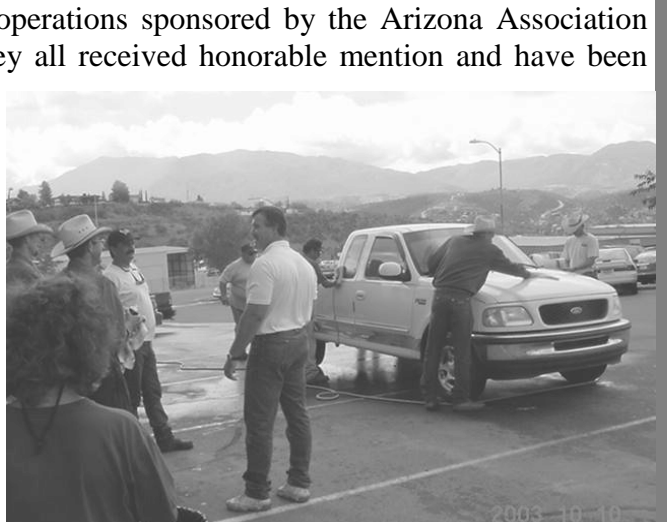


Engineering

The Fossil Creek Road Reconstruction Project is ongoing. Paving is complete from the west end of the project to an area just east of Rimwood Drive. The contractor is installing aluminum box culverts and preparing the rest of the

road for paving. The sign department is working on the ACIP roadway survey. We have recently installed over 40 stop signs based on their recommendations and engineering studies. Carlos Ozuna recently became a Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM). To become a CFM you must pass a national certification exam administered by the Association of State Floodplain Managers. The Association of State Floodplain Managers is an organization of professionals involved in floodplain management, flood hazard mitigation, the National Flood Insurance Program, and flood preparedness, warning and recovery. Carlos joins Darde deRoulhac as Gila County's Certified Floodplain Managers. Anna Sanchez, Ruben Casillas, Shannon Coons, and Rick Bunger were recently nominated for the 5th Annual Robert C. Esterbrooks Award in engi-

neering, support, and operations sponsored by the Arizona Association County Engineers. They all received honorable mention and have been invited to the awards ceremony in January as guests of the Arizona Association County Engineers. Several staff members took part in the Susan G. Komen Shoot for the Cure festivities, which included a car wash & simulated rock climbing.



The Timber Region Road crews have completed the Beaver Valley Project, and various resurfacing projects. They've also worked on Houston Mesa Cut rehabilitation project; rebuilt drainage in OxBow Estates; bark beetle tree removal; transported vehicles to Globe for the auction; routine blading; pushed up and hauled buckhead for the Fossil Creek Project; and hot mix on Pine Canyon Road in Pine. The Timber Region Shops have been preparing the vehicles and equipment for winter. This includes checking the cooling, belts, hoses, cinder spreaders, and snow plows. Also assessed impounded vehicles from the Sheriff's Office and Task Force for the auction. The Copper Region Roads Dept. was still working in Roosevelt and the Pringle Pump area with flood repairs in October. The culvert replacement project in Central Heights on Main Street between Apache & Short Avenues was completed and paved in November and they have ongoing crack seal and vegetation control projects. The truck drivers are hauling granite and are assisting the Tonto Basin crew with their roads resurfacing projects. They are patching and blading roads as usual and the drainage maintenance program is progressing nicely. The Globe Avenue & El Camino intersection project is complete and cattle guards have been installed on A+ and Cherry Creek roads. Road and Shop crews from both regions participated in the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Fundraisers held in Globe & Payson in October.

CONSOLIDATED ROADS & Shops



In addition to the regular maintenance issues and problems that arise daily throughout all the county buildings, the Facilities Management Department has been extremely busy. Current projects with work in progress include: Central Heights Building Remodel/moving in offices/repairs, GCIT/Finance Remodel, Board of Supervisor's Remodel, Clerk of Court/Law Library Remodel, Globe Sheriff's Office - New Laundry area. Also, they are in the process of trying to find a place for a Recorder's Office in Payson.

Facilities Management

Public Works Employees Anna Sanchez, Jonathan Ortega, Michael Ochoa, Gary Frantom, Sam Arney, Fletcher Petty and Sharon Radanovich were at the Household Hazardous Products Collection Event held in the Wal-Mart parking lot on November 22nd.

One hundred fifty-seven residents brought items in that were unloaded from vehicles, separated and packed in containers. The collection event was funded by a grant from ADEQ.

Some of the totals collected for the day included: 2 pallets of car batteries; 275 gallons of floor wax; 1,305 lbs. of solvents; 1,100 gallons of used motor oil; 295 gallons of latex paint; 400 lbs. of antifreeze; and 2,064 lbs. of Aerosols, Toxic Materials, and Flammable Solids.

The total amount of material collected that day was 20,689 pounds.

Solid Waste

